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Automobile thefts dominate in 7,836 theft cases in state in 2024, 2-wheelers most sought after

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## POLL POST

BJP may not have as thumping a victory as it imagined, but Bengaluru paints itself saffron

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**It has been around 20 months since escalator at pedestrian subway of KR Market stopped functioning. Instead of repairing it, all BBMP has done is to put up a signboard blocking entry**

# ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

**Pedestrians say amenity built by Smart City Ltd would be useful to all, especially seniors**

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The defunct escalator installed at the pedestrian subway of KR Market is a classic example of how the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP's) fails to put tax-payers' money to good use. The escalator was installed at the pedestrian subway that was developed at an estimated cost of Rs 17 crore by the Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL). The pedestrian subway was handed over to the BBMP more than a year ago by the BSCL.

With the escalator gathering dust for the last 20 months, people, especially senior citizens, who use the subway to reach the other side of the road, are compelled to use the stairs thus defeating the very purpose of installing it. The staff engaged for the maintenance of the subway have taken the easy way out and just put up a sign board to block the entry to the escalator at the entrance adjacent to the BMTC bus stand.

Though the escalator was not needed either to go out from the subway to reach the BMTC Bus Stand or enter the subway to reach the other side towards Victoria

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**"I do not know what has prevented the BBMP from keeping the escalator in a working condition. It would be useful if the BBMP authorities solve this problem** — Amjad Pasha, a pedestrian

**Climate injustice:**

# How the poor live

Repeated blows due to floods each years, but slum dwellers have not yet received compensation

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Over a 100 families from various low-income colonies in the city, who sustained severe damage to their property during rainfall in November last year, are yet to receive financial relief from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

According to a representative of a city-based organisation working for the uplift of urban slums, while 115 families are still waiting for financial relief from last year, over 200 slum dwellers are planning to file applications, seeking relief after their houses were flooded during Sunday's heavy downpour.

"These 115 families are from Bakshi Garden and Jally Mohalla slum areas in ward number 139. While they suffered heavy damage caused by rains in November last year, they are still awaiting their relief fund of Rs 25,000 each. We reached out to BBMP along with 100 residents a few months ago regarding the compensation, but returned empty-handed," said

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## 2 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Comic watch

Watch 'Kaayuva Kaayaka', a play in which there is a beautiful portrayal of man's quest, search, dilemmas, conflicts, and happiness, which have been shown in a very uncomplicated but yet intricate manner, performed by Antharanga. The play, penned by Dundiraj, Kannada`s leading poet, playwright, and humourist, has all the ingredients of his stamp, like humour, wit, and repartee.
**Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar**
**When: June 5, 7.30 pm**

### 02 Jam session

Gear up for an evening filled with crazy jam sessions that will make your heart sing. Whether you`re a bathroom singer, a music junkie, a pro, a newbie, or just love tapping your feet to music, come share your love for music and create unforgettable memories and connections through the magic of music. **Where: House of Stories, Indiranagar; When: June 5, 8 pm**

# Turns out, age is not just a number at workplaces

## MNC employees report higher instances of age bias; younger age groups face more ageism at work than their older counterparts: Study

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A report on ageism at the workplace by Randstad, a talent company, has revealed that bias over age persists in the nation. According to the study, titled 'Beyond Numbers: Intergenerational Insights on Ageism', over 31 per cent of those surveyed believed that bias over age exists at the workplace. It was found that 42 per cent of employees aged below 55 and 29 per cent aged above 55 experienced ageism at the workplace.

It is to be noted that India is home to the world's youngest population. The study, which involved over 1,000 respondents, found that employees from multinational corporations (MNCs) that are headquartered in India reported higher instances of ageism, with 41 per cent saying that they faced age-related bias. Among respondents from MNCs headquartered outside India, 29 per cent agreed there was age-related bias in their workplace, and 30 per cent said that they found it challenging to work with people from varying age groups. 56 per cent of respondents from India-based MNCs held similar views. When looked at from the lens of gender, the study found that 42 per cent of women reported experiencing or witnessing ageism, as compared to 37 per cent of men.

Close to 27 per cent of all respondents felt they were not fairly compensated, as employers considered their age as a determining factor. The study has suggested that younger age groups faced more age discrimination than older age groups and has found a general feeling of lack of trust in the youngest age group's abilities and skills. On the other hand, the oldest age group is able to experience the privilege of age-based and seniority-based respect.

"Ageism is one of the most overlooked unconscious biases made at the workplace across levels. Overcoming ageism requires a conscious effort to recognise and challenge stereotypes to create an environment where experience and fresh perspectives are equally valued. By fostering an inclusive culture that embraces employees of all ages, organisations can harness the full potential of their workforce, driving collaboration, innovation, and growth. It is essential that we recognise the unique

contributions that individuals of all age groups bring to the table and work actively to integrate their experiences into the fabric of our companies," said Viswanath PS, managing director and chief executive officer of Randstad India. Moreover, 80 per cent of all respondents feel they can be their authentic selves at work, but younger employees (under 35) report a lower sense of inclusion (73 per cent) compared to their older counterparts (87 per cent).

It has also been found that pharma, healthcare, and life sciences, as well as business process outsourcing and IT-enabled services, were the two sectors where the highest proportions of respondents (43 per cent) experienced ageism. These sectors were followed by construction, infrastructure, and real estate, where 41 per cent of respondents said they experienced ageism.

**"Ageism is one of the most overlooked unconscious biases made at workplace across multiple levels** – Viswanath PS, MD & CEO of Randstad India

# BM Education

# UGC urges universities to promote 'food safety' initiatives

## Students are particularly susceptible to risks due to their busy schedules & reliance on convenience foods: UGC Secretary

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In response to the widespread consumption of junk food among students, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has advocated for increased awareness about dietary choices. The UGC has communicated with higher education institutions, encouraging them to disseminate information from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regarding food safety among students.

In the communication, UGC Secretary Manish Joshi highlighted the global issue of foodborne illnesses resulting from improper handling, storage, or preparation of food. Students are particularly susceptible to these risks due to their busy schedules and reliance on convenience foods. FSSAI, operating under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been actively sharing updates, educational campaigns, and alerts related to food safety on social media platforms.

The UGC official emphasised that the FSSAI's efforts aim to educate students about the significance of food safety practices and equip them with the knowledge to make informed dietary choices. Higher education institutions are urged to participate in spreading FSSAI's messages, supporting food safety initiatives, and fostering a culture of food safety awareness

**UGC advocates for awareness about dietery choices, asks HEI's to participate in spreading FSSAI's messages to enhance the student's wellbeing**

to enhance the wellbeing of the student community.

Reacting to this, Prabhakar S, a student, said, "Being a student with a hectic schedule, I often rely on ready-to-eat meals and fast food options. However, after learning about the importance of food safety from the UGC and FSSAI, I've become more conscious of what I eat. Learning about the proper handling and

storage of food has empowered me to make healthier choices and reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses. I appreciate the initiative taken by educational institutions to promote food safety awareness among students, as it directly impacts our wellbeing."

Expressing her viewpoint over the students health and well-being, Jhanvi D, a professor, said that as educators, it's crucial for them to not only impart knowledge but also promote overall well-being among our students. "The collaboration between the UGC and the FSSAI to educate students about food safety is commendable. By incorporating messages and initiatives related to food safety into our curriculum and campus activities, we can instill a culture of consciousness about dietary habits and health. Empowering students with the knowledge and skills to make informed choices about their food consumption not only benefits their physical health but also contributes to their academic success and overall quality of life," Jhanvi added.

# Don't let thieves take you on a ride

## Over 700 thefts occurring in city each month; data reveals that automobile thefts top list and 2-wheelers are most preferred

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FILE PHOTO

Stolen bikes at a police station in Bengaluru

In 2024, Karnataka reported 7,836 theft cases, with over 700 occurring in Bengaluru each month. According to data from the Karnataka State Police, as of April 2024, Bengaluru recorded 3,345 cases of theft this year.

Theft remains a significant issue in the state, with data under IPC Sections 379 to 389 revealing diverse patterns and frequencies. Automobile thefts dominate the figures, with an overwhelming 3,736 incidents involving two-wheelers.

This is followed by 91 incidents of cars and jeeps being stolen, 83 cases of three-wheelers, 27 lorries and trucks, 3 buses, 32 tractors, and a single government vehicle theft. Additionally, motor vehicle accessories were stolen in 112 instances.

Other notable thefts include 528 cases of sand theft, highlighting illegal mining activities, and 148 incidents of cattle theft, which is a significant concern in rural areas of Karnataka. There were also 45 reported cases of cycle theft and 483 thefts of electronic goods such as TVs, radios, and office equipment. Theft of communication and electrical wire occurred 69 times, while 607 cases involved stolen jewellery, and 200 incidents involved stolen cash.

The theft of cultural artefacts, though less frequent, included four cases of stolen idols and one stolen painting. Specialised thefts were also recorded, with 2 cases each of ATM thefts and firearm thefts. There were no reported thefts of explosives in the state.

The state also recorded 617 house thefts, 164 servant thefts, 16 thefts in running trains, and 92 cases of extortion.

In a recent case, the HAL Police Station apprehended a suspect involved in a mobile phone theft. The arrest took place near Marathahalli Bridge on May 29, following a thorough investigation into a complaint lodged earlier this year.

On January 31, 2024, a complainant reported to the HAL Police Station that their mobile phone had been stolen while boarding a BMTC bus in the HAL area. Acting promptly, the police registered a case and began an extensive investigation to track down the culprit.

The investigation led to the arrest of a suspect, who was found near Marathahalli Bridge. During interrogation, the suspect confessed to stealing mobile phones with an accomplice. Following this admission, the police seized nine mobile phones of various brands, valued at approximately ₹2,00,000, from his possession. The police are still on the lookout for the second suspect involved in the thefts.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

# Green warriors revive city's lost canopy

Over the last couple of decades, the face of Bengaluru has changed drastically. High-rise buildings have taken over a lot of Bengaluru's green cover and water bodies. However, one of the city-based NGOs has ensured victory for greens over the last 20 years.

Reforest India, a not-for-profit organisation in Bengaluru, has not only planted one lakh saplings across the city but also converted a bare campus into lush greenery over the last ten years.

According to Janet Sk Yegneswaran, founder of Reforest India, with the help of one thousand trees since 2012, the NGO has been able to turn the campus of the Army School of Fashion and Design green.

"We took up the initiative along with the students of the campus in 2012. When we started, there was not even a single tree on the campus. However, over the last 12 years, we have planted over 1,000 saplings. We will be planting 25 more saplings on Wednesday to mark World Environment Day," said Yegneswaran.

The 72-year-old says the city is infested with exotic trees such as Tabebuia avellanedae, Tabebuia rosea, Tecoma argentea, Gulmohar, jacaranda, etc. However, from an ecological point of view, these trees are a disaster. Saplings planted by Reforest India on the campus are only of native species. **BMB**

# Do we really need this? BBMP's ₹16.50-lakh traffic consultant plan

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has floated a short-term tender inviting applications for a consultant for supervision, project management, and quality control to reduce pollution and ensure lane discipline and road safety measures at traffic junctions in the city. The consultant is expected to be paid Rs 16.50 lakh for providing these services.

"I am not aware of the short-term tender notification issued by the BBMP South executive engineer (quality control). I will get back to you as soon as I get the details pertaining to the short-term tender," he said.

Meanwhile, traffic experts and social activists are unhappy with the BBMP spending money on projects or developmental works that do not come under its jurisdiction. They want the BBMP to ensure roads are free from potholes and craters instead of embarking on ensuring lane discipline at traffic junctions.

"I do not know why the BBMP has floated a tender inviting applications from consultants for ensuring lane discipline and safety measures at traffic junctions.

The traffic police are responsible for ensuring lane discipline at traffic junctions. I am of the opinion that this short-term tender is nothing but a way for the BBMP authorities to make money," said Professor MN Sreehari, a traffic expert.

Describing it as yet another thoughtless move by the BBMP, Satish Rao, a social activist from Indiranagar,

said that traffic pollution issues can be discussed with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, which has subject matter experts. "Likewise, the BBMP can discuss with the Traffic Engineering Cell of Bangalore Traffic Police issues regarding road safety, traffic halts, etc. Another highly qualified group of experts is at the Indian Institute of Science, which can be tapped into. Calling consultants to discuss the above issues is a waste of taxpayers' money. Lastly, most of the issues plaguing traffic in Bengaluru are not rocket science. A little common sense and consultations with industry experts will solve most of the problems while saving taxpayers' money. Finally, rigid implementation of traffic rules will be a very good start for road safety. There is no need for any consultants to say this," said Satish Rao.

Emphasising the need for the BBMP to prioritise roads, footpaths, and infrastructure to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians by providing high-quality, pothole-free roads and efficient drainage systems, Vinod Jacob, General Manager, of Namma Bengaluru Foundation, said that traffic regulation and solutions should be managed by the traffic police since they are the domain experts.

# Overflowing manholes threaten public health

## Lack of coordination between BWSSB and BBMP delays sewer repair work; citizens advocate for technological intervention to tackle recurring issue

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A file photo of overflowing manhole

Citizens in numerous areas have reported overflowing manholes following heavy rainfall, leading to sewage seepage into nearby low-lying homes. With the BWSSB failing to address the issue promptly, citizens endure the unpleasant consequences. Yelachenahalli occupants faced the issue during the recent heavy downpour, repeating their ordeal from the previous monsoon. Their anger stems from the authorities' ongoing failure to take effective, long-term action to prevent its recurrence. "The authorities can make use of technology and install alarm systems that notify them when the drains need to be desilted. The pressure built in after rainwater gushes into drains causes the manholes to open and overflow. Then the sewage is flooded across the areas surrounding the manhole. Unfortunately, the situation remains unlooked until the citizens raise multiple complaints," said Gulab Pasha, a local activist

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) blame each other, saying it's the other's job. BWSSB says BBMP won't let them dig up roads for necessary work, causing delays, while BBMP offers a similar excuse. There's a serious lack of coordination between departments, he added.

Another resident who encountered a similar issue with a manhole mentioned that she had to personally cement the manhole in place as she did not receive a helpful response from the authorities. "The manhole outside my house would overflow with sewage after heavy rain, flooding the entrance. Since it required urgent attention and I didn't receive any help, I had to take matters into my own hands and seal it shut with cement," she explained the ordeal.

### Sewage crisis grips Frazer town

Occupants of Frazer Town, particularly those living on Kechappa Road Cross, are facing severe sewage issues due to ageing infrastructure. The community is urging the local municipality to take immediate action as the problems are exacerbating and posing significant health risks.

For years, the sewage pipes and drains on Kechappa Road Cross have remained untouched, leading to frequent blockages and overflows. This issue is particularly acute in older buildings where outdated systems struggle to cope with current demands. "It's a nightmare," said a resident. "Every monsoon, our road turns into a cesspool. We've complained multiple times, but nothing seems to happen."

Citizens have made numerous appeals to the officials, but their concerns have fallen on deaf ears. A resident said, "We've been living with this problem for so long. Despite our repeated requests, there has been no response from the authorities. It's as if they don't care about our part of the town." The lack of attention given to Kechappa Road Cross is strikingly different from the consistent maintenance carried out on Kenchappa Main Road. "The inadequate sewage system has more than just aesthetic repercussions. Overflowing drains can lead to serious health hazards. Stagnant water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of diseases such as dengue and malaria. We're concerned about the well-being of our children and elderly. They are the most vulnerable," added a resident.

However, the authorities stated that the BWSSB would address the problem the following day, yet the workers were unavailable.

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### Trash clearance

**Hanumanthappa layout**

Trash that has accumulated at 3rd Cross in Hanumanthappa Layout, Sultanpalya, R T Nagar Post, demands urgent clearance to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the area.

### Drain disarray

**Beratana Agrahara**

BWSSB and BBMP couldn't find the drain, leaving it exposed in Beratana Agrahara, near PES college, an area within BBMP jurisdiction devoid of connecting roads or drains.

# The issue has really escalated

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Hospital and other roads, the BSCL in the first place wasted tax-payers' money by installing the escalator worth lakhs of rupees and the BBMP added salt to the injury by failing to maintain the escalator after the subway was handed to it.

Many pedestrians have complained about the apathy of BBMP officials who have failed to ensure that the escalator is functioning even after more than a year. "It is quite disturbing to see the escalator gathering dust all these days. The escalator should be helpful to senior citizens and women who can't use the stairs," said Palani S, a pedestrian. Blaming the BBMP for not fixing the escalator problem, Amjad Pasha, a pedestrian, said the escalator would be a great help for senior citizens. "I do not know what has prevented the BBMP from keeping the escalator in a working condition. It would be useful if the BBMP authorities solve this problem as early as possible because it has been lying idle for more than a year," said Pasha.

**In the first place, the escalator was not needed either to go out from the subway to reach the bus stop or enter the subway to reach the other side towards Victoria Hospital and other roads**

Anandi M, a homemaker, said that she was also unhappy with the poor maintenance of the subway. "BBMP officials must ensure cleanliness in the pathway. I have seen people spitting on the wall of the subway and on the stairs. The BBMP should not only penalise those spitting on the walls but also keep those walls clean," said Anandi. Bangalore Mirror had published a story – Done up for Rs 17 cr, forgotten in 8 months – on May 30, 2023 – narrating how the Bangalore Smart City Limited developed the subway by spending Rs 17 crore and installed an escalator worth Rs 32 lakh for the benefit of pedestrians and how it is gathering dust. The then executive engineer (road infrastructure) told the BM that measures would be taken to fix the problems in a few days. However, the BBMP executive engineer failed to fix the problem even a year after giving us this assurance.

Meanwhile, the present BBMP executive engineer, who assumed office a few days ago, assured us once again that he would look into the matter. "You send me the pictures of the escalator. I will visit the spot shortly," the executive engineer said.

# Flood losses entangle families in debt

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Jancy of Slum Mahila Sanghatane. While these applications are still due, the 244 houses that were flooded on Sunday's downpour are planning to seek financial help from BBMP.

"We are planning to file applications for relief funds for all these houses. However, looking at the record, it appears unlikely. We went to meet the commissioner on Monday and Tuesday but we could not see him. Apart from releasing the relief fund for pending cases as well as fresh applications, we also want to request a permanent solution to the issue of flooding after every rain. The stormwater drains in the area require urgent cleaning. If not, our houses will continue to flood," said a resident of Bakshi Garden slum.

### Pushed out from the margins

Organisations working towards the welfare of the low-income colonies say it is the poor and marginalised that suffer the most when a natural calamity occurs. The recent downpour in Bengaluru has once again affected families of workers from informal sectors. Recovering from these losses entangles them in the cycle of debt, marginalising them further.

They opine that BBMP should come up with efficient and speedy mechanisms to assess the loss and damage and follow it up with a quick compensation. This is possible only when officials are entitled to visit affected areas immediately and report damages within four to six hours of occurrence. "Considering the nature of damage these communities sustain in such events, shelters with food as relief should be provided to the affected communities before monetary compensation. It is important to ensure that marginalised communities receive timely climate justice. In the absence of a support system in the event of such incidents, they end up deeper into the cycle of debt," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, of ActionAid Association.

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# Lotus blooms in Bengaluru

## BJP achieves clean sweep, wins all five constituencies in city

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Although facing setbacks in other areas of the state, the Bengaluru belt experienced a veritable lotus bloom. Comprising Bengaluru and its suburbs across five parliamentary constituencies, they had previously managed to secure victories in four. However, in this election, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) achieved a clean sweep, winning all five constituencies.

Initially, it was Bengaluru North's turn. BJP took a significant gamble by sidelining the former CM and senior BJP leader, DV Sadananda Gowda. Acknowledging its status as a saffron stronghold, the BJP chose to nominate Shobha Karandlaje, who had previously faced pushback from party activists when she contested from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru. Despite initial hurdles, Shobha emerged victorious with a substantial majority, defeating IIM faculty professor M Rajeev Gowda, who ran on a Congress ticket.

Bengaluru South has historically been a BJP stronghold. In the 2019 elections, the BJP made the decision to nominate Tejaswi Surya instead of Tejaswini, the wife of former minister HN Ananth Kumar. Surya was once again given the ticket this time around, and he won the elections convincingly, thus reclaiming the BJP seat from Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy's daughter, Soumya Reddy.

BJP workers celebrate after the announcement of Lok Sabha election results at the state party office in Malleshwaram; (Inset) PC Mohan celebrates his victory with party supporters on Tuesday

The BJP faced a real challenge in Bengaluru Central, where the party's candidate, PC Mohan, went head-to-head against Mansoor Ali Khan. It was a close contest, with both candidates trading leads in different rounds. Ultimately, Mohan emerged victorious, securing the seat for the fourth time for the BJP. Speaking to the media, Mohan mentioned a delay in uploading information to the Election Commission of India regarding his leads and victory on the website. "I was expecting to win by a margin of 20,000 more votes. I thank my leaders on this occasion. I have represented the seat for 15 years and brought more funds for development," he said.

The fourth seat for the party came from Chikkaballapur, which also covered urban segments of the city. In the previous elections, BN Bachche Gowda had opened the account for the BJP, and this time, Sudhakar retained the seat. The biggest victory for the BJP was in Bengaluru Rural, which also had many urban segments. The Congress nominee for the high-profile Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha seat, DK Suresh, conceded defeat against BJP candidate CN Manjunath. Suresh said to reporters, "I will bow down to the people's mandate. They have given an opportunity to new leadership. I wish good luck to CN Manjunath and the people of the state. I appeal to party workers not to lose confidence. I accept victory and defeat in the same spirit. I had full faith in winning. However, people have given (me) rest. There is no question of backtracking. My struggle is going to continue in the coming days."

## It is a family affair

The 2024 Lok Sabha elections were quite a family affair, with several family members throwing their hats into the political ring. Mansoor Ali Khan, son of former Rajya Sabha deputy chairperson Rahman Khan, contested from Bengaluru Central but faced defeat. On the other hand, Sunil Bose, son of social welfare minister HC Mahadevappa, made a successful political debut by winning from Chamarajanagar.

Professor MV Rajeev Gowda, son of Speaker MV Venkatappa, contested from Bengaluru North but lost to Shobha Karandlaje. Mrinal Hebbalkar, son of women and child welfare minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, tried his luck in Belagavi but was defeated by Jagadish Shettar. Soumya Reddy, daughter of transport minister Ramlinga Reddy, contested from Bengaluru South but also faced defeat. Geetha Shivarajkumar, daughter of former CM S Bangarappa, contested from Shivamogga but lost to BS Yediyurappa's son, BY Raghavendra.

However, there were some victories amidst the losses. Priyanka Jarkiholi, daughter of PWD minister Satish Jarkiholi, defeated seasoned politician Anna Saheb Jolle from Chikkodi. Sagar Khandre, the son of forest minister Eshwar Khandre, emerged victorious from Bidar. Basavaraj S Bommai, son of former CM SR Bommai, also secured a win.

It wasn't just biological family members making waves. Yaduveer KC Wadiyar, the adopted son of former MP Srikantadatta Wadiyar, won from Mysuru, marking his political debut. Radhakrsihan, the son-in-law of AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge, won in Kalaburagi. Prabha Mallikarjun, wife of Minister SS Mallikarjun, emerged victorious from Davanagere. Rajashekar Hitnal, brother of Koppal MLA Raghavendra Hitnal, won from Koppal. Additionally, Tejasvi Surya, the nephew of Basavanagudi MLA Ravi Subramanya, clinched a victory from Bengaluru South. **-BMB**

# From triangular to bipolar: What it means for parties involved

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The 2024 Lok Sabha polls will be remembered as a significant moment in history, marking one of the first bipolar contests instead of the usual triangular contests, as the JDS had a pre-poll alliance with the BJP. Although the polls may not directly affect the state government, they will still have an impact on all three political parties. Let's delve into what these results will mean for each of these parties.

### Bolstering BJP

During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP nearly swept the elections by winning 25 out of the 28 seats. However, it became evident that this mandate was primarily for the Lok Sabha, as the BJP suffered a significant defeat in the assembly elections last year. Although the party's seat tally has been reduced from 17, its position as a stronger opposition will be strengthened as the main opposition party. The BJP is grappling with internal strife due to a lack of strong leadership. While this will be a relief for BY Vijayendra, who has taken over as the state unit president, the party must put in considerable effort to compete with the Congress and make a mark in the upcoming Assembly polls, which are four years away.

### Change in leadership?

It's quite intriguing to ponder how the current election results will impact the Congress. While the Congress-led state government won't be directly affected by these results, it remains to be seen if the political equation within the party will change. There have been long-standing speculations about a leadership change, with some suggesting that Siddaramaiah might have to step aside for DK Shivakumar, although there's been no official confirmation of this. In fact, many Congress leaders openly expressed during campaigning that a strong mandate for the Congress would signal support for Siddaramaiah to continue leading. With no official announcements yet, we'll have to wait and see if there's indeed a change in leadership, if DK Shivakumar will assume control, or if the situation requires more waiting.

Party supporters celebrate the victory of HD Kumaraswamy in the city on Tuesday

### Relief for JDS

The election results are undoubtedly a relief for JDS, as the party secured victory in two out of the three contested seats. The personal satisfaction of the party workers stems from HD Kumaraswamy's win in Mandya and Mallesh Babu's victory in Kolar. Had the party lost these seats, questions about its existence might have arisen. Now, the party may receive another chance to continue its alliance and potentially gain a new lease on life.

**Time to take count**

Busy at work at Bangalore North Lok Sabha Election counting centre at Indian high school in Bengaluru on Tuesday

# The big winners and losers

## Here's a look at the big names that were in the fray and how they fared this time

**LOSERS** **WINNERS**

### DK Suresh

When BJP had almost a clean sweep in the 2019 elections, it was Congress candidate DK Suresh who was the sole torchbearer for the Congress party in Karnataka by winning the Bengaluru Rural constituency. In fact, a win in 2024 would have given him a fourth-straight win, but luck and votes were not on his side as he had to concede defeat to Dr. CN Manjunath. Suresh said that he never expected that he would lose so badly but is now prepared to continue to be amidst people until the next elections.

### KS Eshwarappa

Eshwarappa's loss at Shivamogga was not just a personal defeat but also a significant blow to his political career. KSE was one of the stalwarts who had worked hard for the BJP's success in Karnataka. However, he rebelled when his son, KE Kantesh, was not given a party ticket and decided to challenge BSY's son. Despite attempts from party seniors to convince him otherwise, Eshwarappa took it personally and remained adamant about defeating BSY's son. Having been expelled from the party and facing this loss, his political future looks bleak, and his ambition of promoting his son within the saffron party now appears to be a considerable challenge.

### B Sriramulu

Years earlier, Sriramulu was one of the prominent faces in BJP. In fact, he was considered so powerful that he was lobbying hard to become the Deputy CM of the state. He had quit BJP to form a new party, BSR Congress, but later rejoined the party. However, during the previous elections, he lost his MLA seat and, now given another chance to contest a parliamentary seat, also faced failure. It was a double loss for his family, as besides him, his sister J Shanta, who had contested from the Hindupur constituency in neighboring Andhra Pradesh on a YSRCP ticket, also had to bite the dust.

### Prajwal Revanna

It was a double whammy for Prajwal Revanna, who is currently in SIT custody. Prajwal, the lone JDS candidate to win the Hassan parliamentary elections in 2019, even when his grandfather HD Deve Gowda lost, has now suffered a significant defeat. A confident Prajwal was a favorite to win until a pen drive containing alleged incriminating acts was circulated. Many were speculating about Prajwal's fate if he had won, but all these questions have now been put to rest due to his loss.

### Bhagwant Khuba

Khuba, a strongman from Bidar, was pitted against the youngest candidate. However, dissidence led to his defeat. Despite being the Union Minister of State for Fertilisers and Chemicals, Khuba could not gain significant ground. Many senior party leaders had openly expressed their dissent regarding his candidature and appealed that he should not be given a ticket. Despite his best efforts, Khuba could not unite everyone, and ultimately, it resulted in his loss.

### Dr CN Manjunath

It was an emphatic win for the cardiologist-turned-politician and a triumph for a political novice. Many had ridiculed his candidature; in fact, DK Shivakumar had said it was a setback for the Gowda family, as they had made Manjunath contest on a BJP ticket instead of JDS. However, it was a tactical move by both parties, as Bengaluru Rural is a mix of rural and urban segments, and they aimed to garner votes from both demographics.

### G Kumar Nayak

The soft-spoken retired IAS officer was never considered a political candidate. However, to everyone's surprise, DK Shivakumar announced that Nayak would contest from the Raichur constituency. A political novice but a former senior bureaucrat, Nayak had luck on his side as he defeated seasoned politician Raja Amareshwara Naik.

### HD Kumaraswamy

For the JDS leader, it was a do-or-die battle. His party's numbers had dwindled in the assembly elections, and HDK was under fire from Congress while competing with DK Shivakumar for the Vokkaliga belt votes. Despite resentment within the party ranks, HDK had to align with the saffron party. After an emotional appeal from his party leaders, he decided to take the plunge in Mandya. A loss in Mandya would have been a terrible blow for HDK.

### Sagar Khandre

Sagar, the third-generation politician and son of Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, has created a record by becoming the youngest MP from Karnataka at just 26 years old. He was a surprise pick by the party, and many thought he would not wield much power against the experienced Khuba. However, Sagar surprised everyone with this win.

### Dr K Sudhakar

This was also a battle for survival for the former Medical Education Minister after he suffered a big defeat to his one-time accomplice, Pradeep Eshwar, in the Chikkaballapur assembly segment. Since then, Sudhakar had been in political oblivion. He alleged that BJP leaders were not supporting him, and there were also rumors that he would return to Congress. Meanwhile, there was stiff competition from Congress MLA Eshwar. When his candidature was announced, there was open rebellion from Yelahanka MLA SR Vishwanath, who was pushing for a ticket for his son. However, despite all these troubles, Sudhakar managed to win the elections from Chikkaballapur.

HD Kumaraswamy celebrates his victory with the party members after winning Mandya Loka Sabha seat on Tuesday

# Former CMs charting national role

## 72% of 23 Karnataka CMs in 72 years have taken roles in Parliament

This time, three former Chief Ministers who ran in the MP elections emerged victorious, namely HD Kumaraswamy in Mandya, Jagadish Shettar in Belagavi, and Basavaraj Bommai in Haveri. Interestingly, of the 23 individuals who have served as Karnataka chief minister over a span of 72 years, including the current incumbent Siddaramaiah, approximately 72% have moved on to roles in Parliament. This ongoing pattern, witnessed across several terms, underscores a notable connection between state-level governance and national representation.

Reviewing historical electoral patterns reveals an intriguing story: 16 out of the 23 chief ministers eventually transitioned to become parliamentarians. Of these, two obtained parliamentary seats through the Rajya Sabha, while the other 14 were directly elected to the Lok Sabha. Additionally, seven chief ministers became Members of Parliament after relinquishing their state leadership roles, with many of them initially starting their political journeys at the national level before returning to Karnataka to take up the position of CM.

**16 out of the 23 CMs transitioned to become parliamentarians. Of these, two got parliamentary seats through RS, rest were elected to Lok Sabha**

Prominent figures such as S Nijalingappa, HD Deve Gowda, JH Patel, SM Krishna, N Dharam Singh, HD Kumaraswamy, and DV Sadananda Gowda rose to the position of CM after holding significant national leadership roles. On the flip side, individuals like KC Reddy, K Hanumanthaiah, Veerendra Patil, R Gundu Rao, S Bangarappa, Veerappa Moily, and BS Yediyurappa made the transition from state to national politics. While these transitions often involved challenging electoral battles, certain former CMs like SR Bommai and Ramakrishna Hegde entered Parliament through the Rajya Sabha, later serving as central ministers.

Five former CMs chose not to venture into national politics despite their popularity. These are Kadidal Manjappa, BD Jatti, SR Kanthi, Devaraj Urs, and the current CM Siddaramaiah. Karnataka's political landscape showcases a distinct trend where CMs often transition smoothly into roles as parliamentarians and vice versa.

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# NDA on path to third straight term

## For BJP under Modi, relying on coalition partners to rule is new territory

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says his coalition is on the path to a third straight term in India's election, calling it a "historical feat."

His coalition led in a majority of seats Tuesday in India's general election, according to partial figures, but faced a stronger challenge from the opposition than expected after it pushed back against the leader's mixed economic record and polarizing politics.

His Hindu nationalist party appeared unlikely to secure a majority on its own, according to an ongoing count, despite pre-election hopes of a landslide victory — but Modi was still expected to be elected to a third five-year term in the world's largest democratic exercise.

If that trend holds, it would be a stunning blow for the 73-year-old leader, who has never been in a position where he has needed to rely on his coalition partners to govern.

The counting of more than 640 million votes cast over six weeks was set to take all day, and early figures could change.

In his 10 years in power, Modi has transformed India's political landscape, bringing Hindu nationalism, once a fringe ideology in India, into the mainstream while leaving the country deeply divided.

His supporters see him as a self-made, strong leader who has improved India's standing in the world. His critics and opponents say his Hindu-first politics have bred intolerance and while the economy, the world's fifth-largest and one of the fastest-growing, has become more unequal.

Exit polling from the weekend had projected the NDA to win more than 350 seats. Indian markets, which had hit an all-time high on Monday, closed sharply down Tuesday, with benchmark stock indices — the NIFTY 50 and the BSE Sensex — both down by more than 5%.

Supporters of BJP celebrate vote counting results, at BJP party office in Hyderabad on Tuesday

For Payal, a resident of the northern city of Lucknow who uses only one name, the election was about the economy and India's vast number of people living in poverty. "People are suffering, there are no jobs, people are in such a state that their kids are compelled to make and sell tea on the roadside," Payal said. "This is a big deal for us. If we don't wake up now, when will we?"

This is the second time an Indian leader has retained power for a third term after Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first prime minister.

"But if his BJP is forced to form a coalition, the party would likely "be heavily dependent on the goodwill of its allies, which makes them critical players who we can expect will extract their pound of flesh, both in terms of policymaking as well as government formation," said Milan Vaishnav, director of the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"This would be truly, you know, uncharted territory, both for Indians as well as for the prime minister," he added.

Before Modi came to power, India had coalition governments for 30 years. His BJP has always had a majority on its own while still governing in a coalition.

Extreme heat struck India as voters went to the polls. Outside BJP party headquarters in New Delhi, supporters banged drums and bells as the counting was underway. Meanwhile, supporters at the Congress party headquarters appeared upbeat and chanted slogans praising Rahul Gandhi, the face of the party's campaign. At a news conference, the Congress party President Mallikarjun Kharge said the alliance's strong showing was a "win for democracy" and a "moral and political loss" for Modi. Gandhi added that the figures were a message from the people: "The poorest of this country have defended the constitution of India." **–AP**

## NDA in metros, rural areas pick INDIA

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has shown significant strength in the metro cities in the Lok Sabha elections, securing substantial leads in urban centers such as Delhi, Bangalore and Pune.

However, Mumbai region defied the trend.

The INDIA bloc has demonstrated its prowess in the rural regions, capturing the majority of votes in the countryside. In Delhi, the BJP has maintained a stronghold, with its candidates leading in all of the city's seven constituencies.

The trend is similar in Bangalore, where the urban voters have largely supported the BJP representatives, reflecting the alliance's appeal among the metropolitan electorate.

Pune has also seen a favourable outcome for the NDA, with the alliance securing leads in several constituencies within the city.

Conversely, the INDIA bloc, a coalition of various opposition parties, has resonated more with the rural population. The bloc has gained substantial support in the vast rural stretches of the country, securing significant leads in areas like Chhattisgarh's Korba, Uttar Pradesh's Aonla, Basti and Lalganj among other constituencies.

This performance underscores the coalition's appeal to the agrarian community and rural voters, who have favoured its candidates over those of the NDA. However, there has been exceptions in states like Odisha, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh where the NDA nearly had a clean sweep in both rural as well as urban areas. **–PTI**

# 'People of Uttar Pradesh have shown a lot of discretion'

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday expressed happiness over the 2024 Lok Sabha election results and said that she is most proud of Uttar Pradesh.

"I am very happy... I want to tell the people of UP that they have shown a lot of discretion. I am most proud of UP..." said Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Notably, in the state of Uttar Pradesh, the BJP is ahead on 31 seats, while its allies Rashtriya Lok Dal and Apna Dal are ahead on two and one seats respectively. This is much lower than BJP's 2019 tally, when it registered a massive victory winning 62 out of 80 seats.

The INDIA bloc has registered a strong performance with Samajwadi Party and Congress being ahead on 38 and 7 seats respectively.

Meanwhile, Congress' KL Sharma won against BJP leader Smriti Irani from the Amethi seat. She said that she gave 10 years of her life to Amethi and will continue to serve the area in times to come.

"I express my gratitude to all the BJP party workers and supporters, those who have worked in the service of the constituency and the party with dedication and loyalty. Today, I am grateful to PM Narendra Modi and CM Yogi Adityanath that their governments have completed the pending works of 30 years in just 5 years. I congratulate those who win. I will continue to be in the service of the people of Amethi," Irani said at a press conference.

"We will strengthen the organization. We are the ones who have served the area with devotion. I went to every village in the area and worked. I gave 10 years of my life to this area," she added. **–ANI**

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for a press conference at the AICC office in Delhi on Tuesday

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# Meet B'luru's Para Swimming champion

## 25-year-old sets new Asian record time in world series

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Punith Nandakumar set a new Asian record at Para Swimming World Series

Punith Nandakumar, a 25-year-old paraswimmer, made headlines at the Para Swimming World Series held in Berlin, one of the most prestigious events in the para swimming calendar, from May 30 to June 2. Competing against over 400 swimmers from 63 nations, he competed in the 200-metre butterfly event in the S8 category, setting a new Asian record with a time of 3:17.88 and securing the seventh position overall.

Nandakumar's journey to this achievement is a testament to his dedication and resilience. With congenital amputation at birth, he has always adapted to doing things in his own way. "Since childhood, I got used to doing things normally," he shared. David Sanchez Sierra of Spain, who clocked an impressive 2:38.09, won the event. "I am thrilled to have set a new Asian record," said Punith. "It's a significant milestone in my swimming career, and I hope it inspires others to overcome their challenges and achieve their goals." Punith trains at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre under the guidance of Coach John Christopher. His rigorous training regimen and the support of his coach and team have been instrumental in his success. In addition to his athletic pursuits, he is an income tax inspector with the Government of India. Balancing a demanding career with intensive training sessions is no small feat, but Punith has managed to excel in both arenas. His achievements in swimming have brought him numerous awards and recognitions at the national and international levels. He finished in fourth place at two of the world's biggest para sporting events, the 2018 Asian Para Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China. He won two gold, one silver, and three bronze medals at the IWAS World Games 2019 in Sharjah, a silver medal at the Winter Polish Open Swimming Championship in Poland in 2019, and four silver medals at the Indian Open Para Swimming Championship in 2018. APunith earned two silver medals at the 6th World Taekwondo Culture Expo in South Korea in 2012. He has represented India at the IDM Berlin World Series Swimming Championship in Germany in 2017 and 2018, as well as the World Para Swimming Series in Singapore in 2019 and 2023.

Another notable performance from India at the event was by Shridhar Nagappa Malagi, who finished in the top 10 with a time of 3:28.13. His accomplishment further highlights the growing prowess of Indian paraswimmers on the global stage.

# FIFA qualifiers: Final prep for India

India head coach Igor Stimac opened up on Blue Tigers' preparation for the upcoming FIFA World Cup Qualifiers against Kuwait and Qatar and said that they are on the final stage of practice now.

The Blue Tigers had started training in Bhubaneswar on May 11 before travelling to Kolkata.

Stimac took to his official X account and said that they are ready to face Kuwait and Qatar in the upcoming qualifier matches. He added that they need to make their tactics right and need to be mentally strong.

"The players are ready to go, we're on to the final stage of preparations for Kuwait and Qatar. It's all about getting our tactics right and making sure we are all mentally exactly where we need to be," Stimac wrote on X.

The match has a lot of significance for Indian football fans as it will mark the last appearance of legendary captain Sunil Chhetri in an international outing. Earlier in May, the 39-year-old announced that June 6 would be his last appearance in the international arena. –ANI

India's captain Sunil Chhetri attends a practice session, in Kolkata on Monday

# T20: India eye head start against Ireland

After the gruelling more than two months of Indian Premier League (IPL) action, the Indian stars will return for national duty in their ICC Men's T20 World Cup opener against Ireland at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here on Wednesday.

Suryakumar Yadav during a practice session ahead of the T20 Cricket World Cup

The warm-up match against Bangladesh on Saturday must have given them a slight idea of the drop-in pitches on the makeshift New York stadium but the real test awaits them. In the first match of the venue between South Africa and Sri Lanka, the latter were bowled out for 77 which raised eyebrows over the wicket.

The pitch will pose a great challenge for the Indian batters due to its low bounce and slow nature. Apart from the pitch, the game will give the Indian team a real picture of their preparations before taking on arch-rivals Pakistan at the same venue on Sunday.

The biggest question for India before the game is who will open along with captain Rohit Sharma. Will it be Virat Kohli or left-handed batter Yashasvi Jaiswal? Kohli has proved his mettle at the top of the IPL after finishing the tournament as the highest run-getter while the southpaw and the skipper failed to remain consistent in the cash-rich league.

Other than the opening puzzle, Rishabh Pant is likely to play as first-choice wicket-keeper-batter after his fiery fifty in the warm-up following the blistering IPL season.

However, Sanju Samson has done no wrong to not deserve that place but Pant's unpredictable shot-making gives him an edge over the Kerala batter.

Another question for the Indian team will be what bowling combination to pick for the clash, whether to go with three pacers including Hardik Pandya and two spinners, or to pick four pacers and a spinner. –IANS

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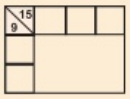


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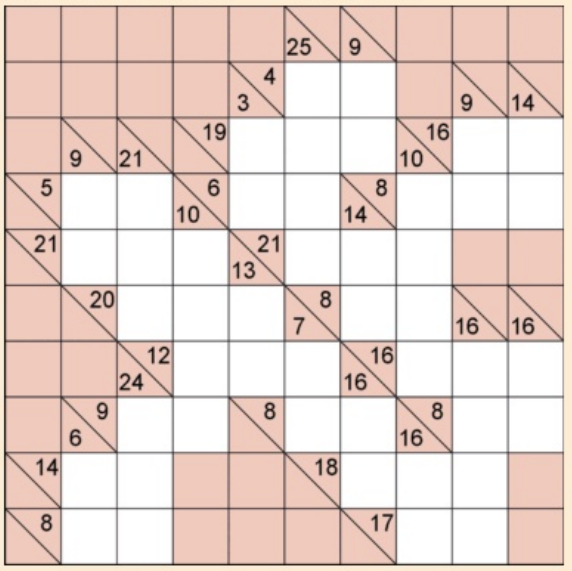

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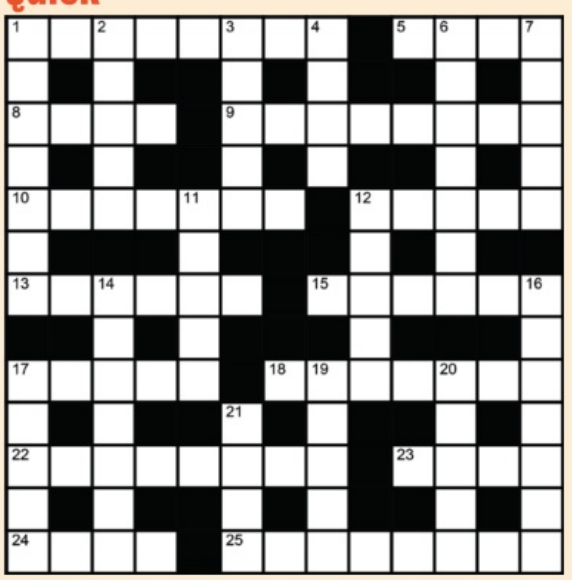


**ACROSS**

1 College ecclesiastic (8)
5 Surrounded by (4)
8 Lazy (4)
9 Harassed or annoyed (8)
10 Reporter (7)
12 Feline, furtive or skulking (5)
13 Deduces by reasoning (6)
15 Karnataka Lake home to a bird sanctuary (6)
17 Arrive at (5)
18 Tomato sauce (7)
22 Locate precisely (8)
23 At large (4)
24 Sandwich shop (4)
25 Absurd misrepresentation (8)

**DOWN**

1 Italian wine (7)
2 Permit (5)
3 First Greek letter (5)
4 US space agency (4)
6 Shivaji or his follower (7)
7 Father (5)
11 Laughter (5)
12 Hard outer part of a bread or a pie (5)
14 Facecloth (7)
16 Lack of reverence; ungodliness (7)
17 ___ in : persuaded to take part ? (5)
19 Bye run (5)
20 Takes on lease or on rent (5)
21 Fog (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: T EQUALS H**

YTC LE BCVM WJEN GTHR TM YTC THGT OMHEG GC XC?

## Linemaro

I lost my teddy bear. Can I hug you?

## Mindchow

Don't watch the clock. Do what it does, keep going

## Joke of the day

It's always darkest before dawn... so if you're going to steal the neighbour's newspaper, that's the time to do it

## Loop

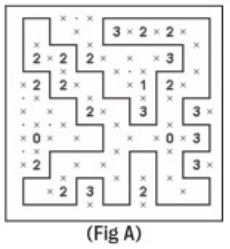
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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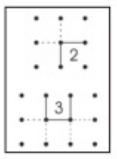
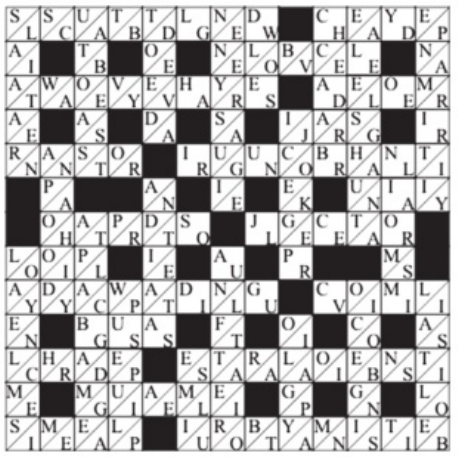


(Fig B) Not Allowed

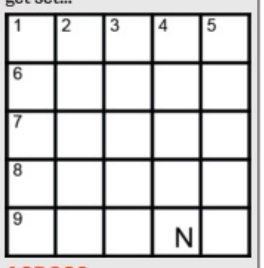
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

1 A loss; 6 Dupe P; 7 IR Arm; 8 Air us; 9 Tents

**DOWN**

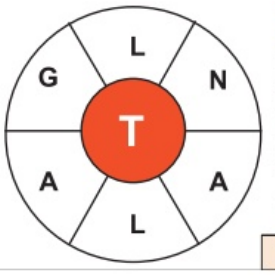
1 A slum; 2 Trapa; 3 Super; 4 Siren; 5 I dost

## Mensapuzzle

What letter is two to the right of the letter which comes five to the left of the letter that comes two to the right of the letter which is three to the left of the letter H?

A B C D E F G H

## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| | | 7 | | 5 | | 9 | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 9 | | 1 | 7 | | 4 | 6 | | 2 |
| | | 5 | 9 | | 2 | 7 | | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

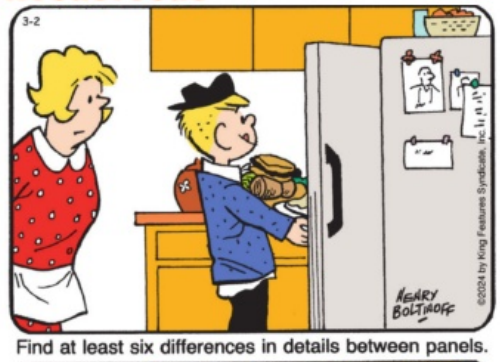
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5
1 4 4 4

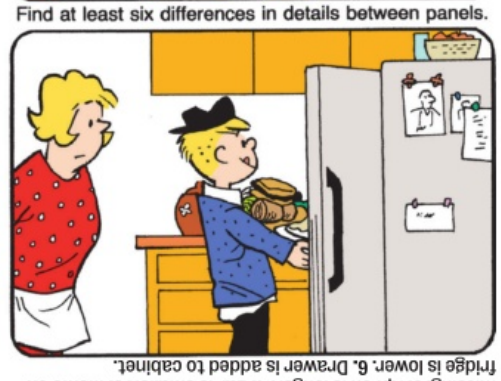
Medium = 30
1 1 5 6

Hard = 34
2 7 9 5

## Hocusfocus




Find at least six differences in details between panels.



**Differences:** 1. Handle is longer. 2. Woman's collar is missing. 3. Apron is longer. 4. Ear is smaller. 5. Memo on fridge is lower. 6. Drawer is added to cabinet.

## Riddler

If you multiply together the number of fingers on one person's right hand to another person's to another person's till you get the product of the fingers on the right hands of everyone in the world, what is the most likely product? For instance, one person has 5 fingers, and his friend has 5 fingers. The product is 25. Another person with 5 fingers would make the product 125. This goes on till everyone's finger number is multiplied. What's the answer?

## Alpha triangle

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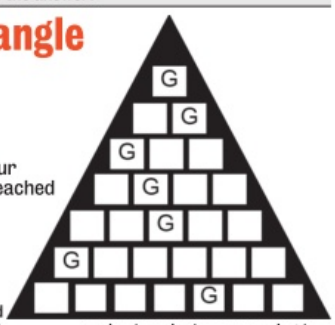
2 Silver symbol
3 Flit about
4 Got older
5 Imprisoned
6 Marked with favour
7 Arraigned or impeached

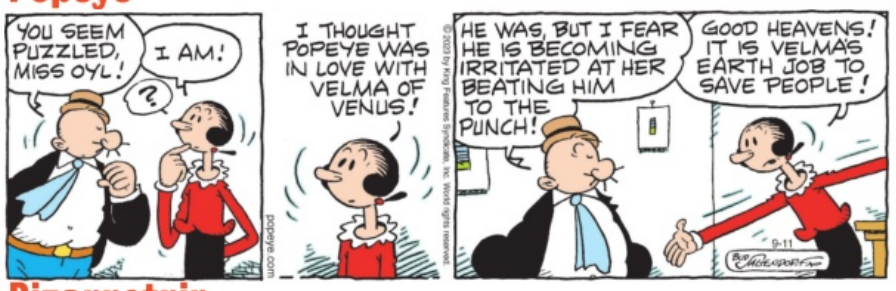



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Popeye


YOU SEEM PUZZLED, MISS OYL!
I AM!
?
I THOUGHT POPEYE WAS IN LOVE WITH VELMA OF VENUS!
HE WAS, BUT I FEAR HE IS BECOMING IRRITATED AT HER BEATING HIM TO THE PUNCH!
GOOD HEAVENS! IT IS VELMA'S EARTH JOB TO SAVE PEOPLE!
9-11

## Bizarrotrip

## Diamond Lil

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST FIGHT?

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IS A TWO-HOUR ROAD TRIP ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT?
HAVE SOME FAITH IN ME, KAT!!
I HAVE PLENTY OF FAITH IN YOU. IT'S YOUR FLAKY DAD THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT.
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## Crankshaft

I HATE TO BE A WET BLANKET HERE, BATTON...
BUT YOU'VE GOT A MISSPELLED WORD IN TODAY'S 'WRINKLES' STRIP.
I KNOW... I DO THAT ON PURPOSE.
I LIKE TO THROW IN A MISSPELLED WORD NOW AND THEN SO PEOPLE WILL KNOW IT ISN'T 'AI' GENERATED.
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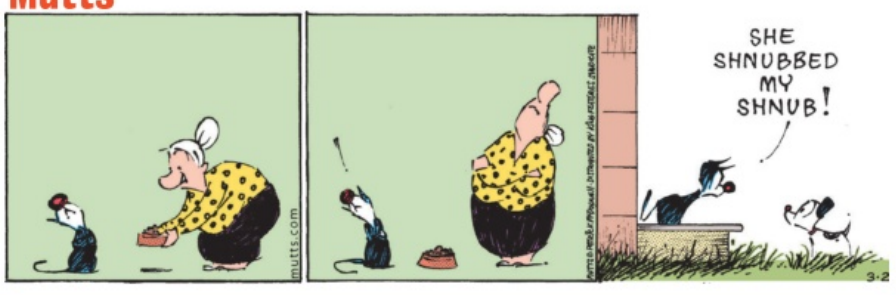
## Mutts




# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be enthusiastic. Your focus on your goals may be very good, so you may easily achieve your target. You are likely to go on short work-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future. Your subordinate staff may help you complete the important project. Disputes with the siblings may arise.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital in family businesses, which may increase in the near future. You may expect to get some rewards for your social services. You may also expect to hear some good news in your family, which may create a joyful environment in the family, and you may also enjoy some delicious food.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel happy, and your health is also good, which may give you inner strength and self-confidence. Your subconscious mind may not allow you to manipulate the messy task. Your social prestige is likely to increase. With the help of your good karma, destiny may help you start some innovative tasks.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be unhappy and disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance; otherwise, you may face some losses due to your harsh tone while talking with anyone. You are advised to avoid long trips and rush driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, there may be peace in the mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles may be likely to find a suitable match. You may expect to get ample opportunities at work, and you may notice some progress in your life.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You may likely get a big order with the help of your hard work, and your boss may appreciate it. There may be a good understanding between you and your spouse, which may increase harmony in your domestic life.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Postponed work will be resumed now. With the blessings, you may get rewarded for your hard work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your financial health. You may expect some unexpected opportunity, which may increase your business, and you may also plan for overseas travel.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may not feel well; you might have health issues that may affect your professional and domestic lives. You are likely to be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects; otherwise, you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard in their studies.

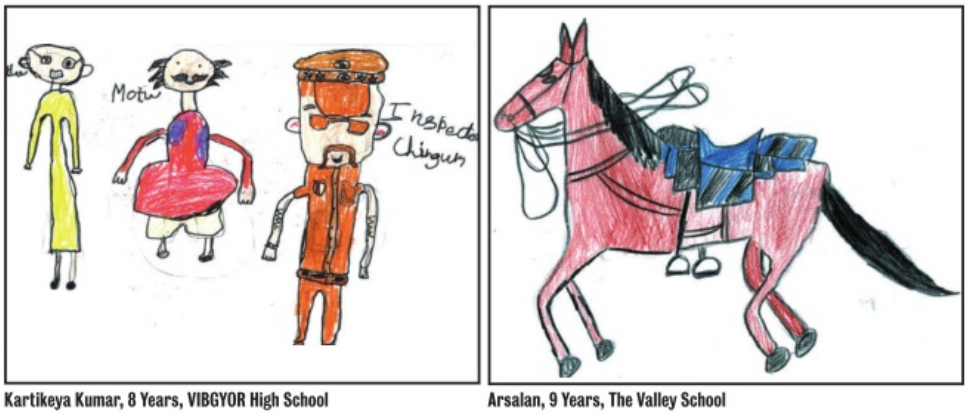
**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon; you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your business partner, which may increase your business in the near future.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon, so you may feel healthy, and kids' health may be okay now. Chronic health issues may be cured. The money, which was stuck somewhere, may likely be recovered now. You may also repay your debt.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon; it may give you peace of mind. You may become decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. Past karma may help you sustain yourself in any situation and show you the right path. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants may be likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be dull. Detachment from responsibilities may make you upset. You may not be able to fulfil your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance, and it may affect both your professional and domestic lives. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

## KIDZONE

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Arsalan, 9 Years, The Valley School

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## SOLUTIONS

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(6 x √3 x √3)/2
(6 x √(3 x 3))/2
(6 x √(9))/2
(6 x 3)/2
18/2 = 9

**BULL'S EYE**
GALLANT, gnat, natal, tail

**STRIKE OUT**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
D

**RIDDLER**
0. There just needs to be one person without any fingers to cause the product to be 0.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
Who is more busy than he who hath least to do?

**SUDOKU**

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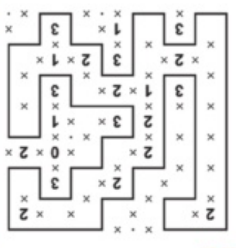
**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
G, Ag, Gad, Aged, Gaged, Grazed, Charged.

**LOOP**



**GO FIGURE**
Easy
4 + 4 – 4 + 1 = 5
Medium
5 x 6 + 1 – 1 = 30
Hard
5 – 2 x 9 + 7 = 34

**KAKURO**

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**# Elle Fanning & the Predator movie**
Actor Elle Fanning is in talks to play the lead role in the upcoming "Predator" movie, titled "Badlands"

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# Just the best weekend

## Janhvi's latest snaps feature rumoured beau

When it comes to her romantic life, Janhvi Kapoor, who appears to be head over heels in love with her rumoured beau Shikhar Pahariya, is leaving no stone unturned in setting couple goals.

Janhvi took to Instagram and dropped glimpses of her Italy trip along with expressing gratitude for 'Mr and Mrs Mahi' response.

The first picture shows Janhvi dressed in a red and white mini dress, striking a pose in the backdrop of the beautiful sky.

The other images capture Janhvi and Shikhar holding hands, serving a couple goals. The pictures are blurred but full of love. She also shared the poster of Mr and Mrs Mahi's box office collection.

As soon as the photos were shared, fans and industry friends flooded the comment section.

Shanaya Kapoor wrote, "wowww." Another user commented, "This is what a great weekend looks like."

Janhvi Kapoor and Shikhar Pahariya continue to keep fans guessing with their subtle yet intriguing social media gestures.

Adding to the intrigue, Janhvi's recent fashion choices have also caught the attention of eagle-eyed fans.

Sporting a necklace adorned with the name 'Shikhu', a term of endearment for Shikhar, Janhvi has subtly hinted at her affection towards him.

The necklace made a prominent appearance during the 'Maidaan' screening, where Janhvi exuded elegance, accessorizing her ensemble with this personalized touch.

Further stoking the flames of speculation, Janhvi's social media feed has been peppered with stylish snapshots showcasing her 'Shikhu' necklace, leaving fans wondering about the true nature of her relationship with Shikhar Pahariya.

A recent post featuring the necklace prompted a response from Shikhar himself, who liked the picture, while Janhvi's sister Khushi Kapoor added to the intrigue with her cryptic comment.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Janhvi is receiving appreciation for her performance in the sports drama 'Mr & Mrs Mahi' alongside Rajkummar Rao. **-ANI**

# Stop body shamers

In January last year, actress Swara Bhasker married politician Fahad Ahmed, and they welcomed their baby girl, Raabiyaa, on September 23, 2023. Recently, Swara took to Instagram Stories to criticise a prominent newspaper article that body-shamed her and claimed she wasn't getting film roles due to her weight.

Sharing a screenshot of the article's tweet, Swara Bhasker wrote, "For those who cannot read the Devanagari script, this is a leading Hindi newspaper handle that thinks it is newsworthy that a recent mom, who birthed a child a few months ago, put on weight! Can someone please explain the physiology of childbirth to the geniuses..." The original tweet read, "Badhte wajan ke karan Swara ko nahi mil raha kaam (Due to her , Swara is not getting work)!"

In October 2023, Swara Bhasker spoke to HT City about becoming a mother to her first child, Raabiyaa, shortly after getting married.

"2023 has been an absolute whirlwind, in the happiest way possible. My year-end summary will be that it was very hectic. I got married and had a baby within 10 months. If you had spoken to me in October last year, I would never have known that I will be married to Fahad three months later..." she said.

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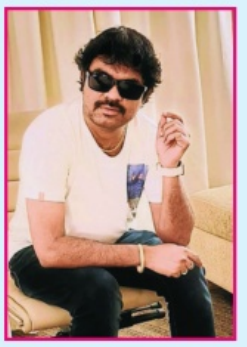
# Smile Sreenu in lead role

Director Naari Srinivas aka Smile Sreenu is gearing up to showcase his acting skills in the lead role in multilingual movie Mandela. Mandela will go on floors next month. Smile Sreenu has directed the films O My Love, 18 to 25, and Ballari Darbar.



"I have agreed to play the lead in Mandela because of its script. The lead role provides me an opportunity to showcase my acting skills. Mandela will be a different movie. It is directed by Sridhar Poorvajith," said Smile Sreenu.

He said he was sure of the success of Mandela at the box office. "The director is looking for a music director who can score music that will become a hit. He is not approaching established music directors, but those who want to work hard," he said.

Poorvajith said, the movie is a 1980s romantic movie and can be considered an experimental film. "The movie has two heroines. A hunt is on to select two actresses for the roles," he said.

# A glimpse into Love Li

Actor-cum-director Rishab Shetty released the trailer of Kannada movie Love Li on Sunday. Many prominent personalities, including actors Vinod Prabhakar, Naveen Shankar, and Garuda Ram, attended the event. The film is scheduled for release on June 14.

"I watched the movie Godhi Banna Sadharana Maikattu and became a fan of Vasishta Simha. I liked his acting skills and dialogue delivery. The trailer of Love Li is very good. I hope it does well at the box office," said Rishab.

On the occasion, director Chethan Keshav said the trailer will make movie goers to wonder whether Love Li is an action or sentimental movie. "The movie is quite different and you have to watch it at theaters on June 14 to know about it. I thank producer Ravindra Kumar and executive producers Balakrishna and Krishna for giving me an opportunity to direct this movie," the director said.

Earlier, veteran actor HG Dattatreya aka Dattanna said the movie Love Li has all entertaining elements.

# Aditya keeps it cool

In the bustling streets of Mumbai, Aditya Roy Kapur brought his signature charm and laidback style to the Dance Rehearsal Hall, capturing the attention of onlookers and paparazzi.

Arriving in his sleek SUV, Aditya exuded effortless elegance, dressed in white shorts, cotton shirt and leather slippers -- an appropriate ensemble to beat the summer heat while maintaining an aura of sophistication.

As cameras flashed and admirers clamoured for a glimpse of the handsome actor, Aditya graciously paused to pose for photographs. With an air of understated confidence, he effortlessly channelled a relaxed summer vibe, embodying the epitome of casual chic.

Immersed in the filming of 'Metro In Dino', Aditya is set to bring his blend of talent and charisma to the silver screen yet again. The movie promises to showcase heartwarming stories of modern-day couples brought to life by an exceptional ensemble cast. Directed by Anurag Basu, the film has a cast of Sara Ali Khan, Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta, Pankaj Tripathi, Konkona Sensharma, Ali Fazal and Fatima Shaikh. **-IANS**

# Millie confirms secret marriage with Jake

Stranger Things' actor, Millie Bobby Brown confirmed her secret marriage to Jake Bongiovi, 22, son of legendary musician Jon Bon Jovi.

Millie, on Monday, took to her Instagram account to share a series of pictures from her fun day at Universal Orlando.

Along with the pictures, the 'Stranger Things' star added a caption that read, "who wants to go to @universalorlando ??? ussssssssss."

In the pictures, the two can be seen having fun with their friends and even winning a giant stuffed giraffe.

The newly married couple had fun at the theme park.

The actress can be seen wearing shorts with 'wifey' written on them and a cap saying 'wife of the party.'

Brown recently showed off her beautiful new wedding ring in a video.

People magazine confirmed that Brown and Bongiovi got married secretly in May, with only close family present, including Jon Bon Jovi and Brown's parents. Their wedding was officiated by Matthew Modine, Brown's co-star in 'Stranger Things.' They plan to have a bigger celebration later this year. **-ANI**